

An Act Defining Motor Vehicle Inspectors as Peace Officers  
February 14th, 2019

Connecticut General Assembly

Attention: Public Safety and Security Committee  
Written Testimony in Support of House Bill 6376

Dear honorable members of  
the Public Safety and Security Committee:

My name is Stafford Browne Jr, I am a certified Sergeant with the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles as a full time police officer by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council pursuant to sections 7-294a to 7-294e, as are all sworn police officers within our state. I began my Law Enforcement career as a Motor Vehicle Inspector 11 years ago. In February of 2008 I embarked on my career with 49 other individuals hired by municipalities at the Meriden Police Academy. I studied the same courses, passed the same exams, and have practically applied that same knowledge just as every other police officer who has been certified through the Police Officer Standards and Training Council. After completing the police academy and field training program I was assigned to a truck enforcement team. In that capacity I have effected hundreds of commercial and passenger motor vehicle stops to make our state roadways safer. I urge you to support HB 6376 and include Motor Vehicle Inspectors in the definition of "Peace Officer" so that we may better serve the State of Connecticut. Redefining Peace Officer to include Motor Vehicle Inspectors does not cost the state any additional funding nor does it change our current job functions. Including Motor Vehicle Inspectors in the definition of Peace Officer does not affect or change our authority or powers of arrest, nor will it change our duties. I thank you for taking the time to read this testimony.

Sergeant Stafford Browne Jr